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Title : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DYNAMIC ESD PROTECTION	Examiner: R. Leja
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RESPONSE

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REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 5, 2004 in which claims 1-4 and 7-13 were rejected and claims 5, 6, 14, and 15 were objected to. Claims 1-15 are pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner's indication that claims 5, 6, 14, and 15 contain allowable subject matter is gratefully acknowledged.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

In the Office Action, independent claims 1, 8, and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over the Yang patent (U.S. Patent No. 6,744,611).

Independent claims 1, 8, and 12 are directed toward a system or method including the adjustment of a breakdown voltage of a vulnerable device. The Yang patent does not adjust the breakdown voltage of a vulnerable device. Since there is no teaching, suggestion, or motivation in the Yang